



Australian Racing Board

AMENDMENT TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Summary:

AR.196(1) and (2) prescribe upper monetary limits of \$75,000 for:

- (a) the imposition of fines for any breach of the Rules; and
- (b) the forfeiture of a rider's percentage of prize money for a breach of AR.137A (whip offences).

The ARB Board believes it is necessary for the scope of financial penalties to remain an effective deterrent. Whilst the upper limit of monetary penalties is not often reached, the Rules need to remain relevant and this includes the upper limit which may be imposed as monetary penalty.

The upper limit of monetary penalties for general rule breaches has not increased in over 15 years and has therefore not kept up with increases in prize money and inflation over that time. It is noted that, in particular, prize money has increased at major carnivals such as the Sydney Championships and the Melbourne Spring Carnival.

The ARB Board therefore decided to raise the relevant monetary limits in AR.196(1) and (2) for fines (or forfeitures for AR.196(2)) from \$75,000 to an amount not exceeding \$100,000.

Amendment to Rule 196(1)

Please delete AR.196(1) and insert the following:

“(1) Subject to sub-rule (2) of this Rule any person or body authorised by the Rules to penalise any person may, unless the contrary is provided, do so by disqualification, suspension, reprimand, or fine not exceeding \$100,000. Provided that a disqualification or suspension may be supplemented by a fine.”

Date of Effect: 1 February 2015

Amendment to Rule 196(2)

Please delete AR.196(2) and insert the following:

“(2) In respect of a breach of AR.137A the Stewards may in addition to the penalty options conferred on them under subrule (1) of this Rule order the forfeiture of the rider’s riding fee and/or forfeiture of all or part of the rider’s percentage of prizemoney notwithstanding that the amount exceeds \$100,000.”

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